

St. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 - Noon & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY at 4:30 p.m.
SUNDAY at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY at 7:00 am*
(*If there is a Funeral, 7:00 a.m. Mass is Cancelled.)
WEDNESDAY at 5:30 p.m.
RECONCILIATION - SATURDAY from 3:15-4:00 p.m.
HOLY DAYS will be announced in the bulletin and on the website.



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ST. JOSEPH PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Joseph Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed, to build a Christian community of faith within and beyond the parish, to serve the people of God both near and far, and to celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us.

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Contact Sr. Mary Ellen Backes, O.S.U., for information on Inquiry Sessions and RCIA process.

Baptism of Children under eight years old: Contact Deacon Larry to attend pre-baptismal classes on the 4th Thursday of each month. Baptisms are usually celebrated during the weekend Masses, except for Advent and Lent.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements are to be made six months in advance. Call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office for Fr. Manny.

Communion for the Homebound: Notify the Parish Office to arrange for Communion to the sick and elderly.

New Parishioners

St. Joseph welcomes all visitors to our Church. If you would like to register, please request a Parish Registration Form from the Parish Office.

Assisted Listening System

Personal listening instruments are available to complement our audio system. These are located in the Vesting Sacristy.

Bulletin Announcements

Announcements are due, by email, at the Parish Office by 9:00 am on Tuesdays. The bulletin is published weekly on our parish website: <http://stjoseph.dio.org>.

Catholic Faith Formation

The Catholic Faith Formation program provides religious instruction for St. Joseph Parishioners who do not attend Catholic schools for grades K-8. Classes meet Monday evenings from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm September - May.

Hospitalized Parishioners

Families and friends are asked to please keep the parish staff informed regarding parishioners who are hospitalized.

Prayer Requests

St. Joseph Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish who pray for the needs of fellow parishioners and their families and friends. Please call or email Linda at 481-4320, linda.medlock@comcast.net or the Parish Office. All requests are confidential.

Pastoral Council

The St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council is called by the parish to serve as consultant to the Pastor in assuring that all aspects of parish life reflect the mission and ministry of Jesus in accordance with norms determined by the diocesan Bishop.

Members

Tim Kennedy (*Chair*), Gene Mitchell (*Vice Chair*), Barb Schmidt (*Secretary*), Linda Medlock, Frank Ramirez, Carol Greenwood, *ad hoc*.

Standing Committees

Community Builders
Faith Formation/Evangelization
Health and Wellness
Liturgy
Social Concerns
Stewardship

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is an advisory body to assist the Pastor in the administration and management of the temporal goods of the parish.

Members

Tom Hyde (*Chair*), Deacon Larry Day, Katherine Elsner, Rita Havrilka, Tom Niedzielski, Janet Shures

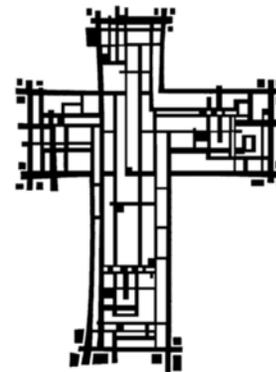
Choir

Director: Deanna Kettelkamp

P.E.P. (People Enjoying People) Club

The PEP Club is a social group for "seniors" that meets monthly for lunch and fellowship.

Chair: Gary Schmidt



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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number: 217-321-1155.

Worship Schedule & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions

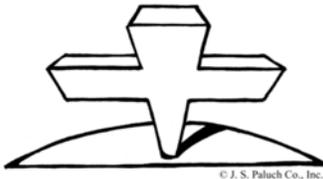
Apr. 7 - Apr. 8, 2018

- Sat. 4:30 pm †Ellen Dahlkamp
†Francesco Porrovecchio
†Grace Madonia Garbin
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Deceased Catholic Veterans

Masses for this Week

Apr. 9 - Apr. 15, 2018

- Mon. 7:00 am People of St. Joseph
Tue. 7:00 am †Alice Jones
†Don Staten
Wed. 5:30 pm †Robert Berberet
†Paul Puckel
Thu. 7:00 am †Mary Miller
Sat. 4:30 pm †Bill Gietl
†Mary Grant
†William & Eva Schmidt
Sun. 8:30 am People of St. Joseph
10:30 am †Dave Sponsler



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, Apr. 9

NO CFF

Tuesday, Apr. 10

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, Apr. 11

6:15 pm Social Concerns

Thursday, Apr. 12

5:15 pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:30 pm Choir practice

Saturday, Apr. 14

3:15-4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, Apr. 15

9:30 am Music Practice

From the Administrator's Desk.....!

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday" and usually our gospel reading is about Thomas – the doubter.

The Acts of the apostles describe the "exceptional time of grace" among the first Christian community where everyone cared for everyone else. Tough act, but for those born of God, His commandments are not burdensome, but are a spontaneous response to the gratuitous life Christ offers. The Risen Christ breathed the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and Thomas wins a personal favor from the Risen Lord.

Brothers and sisters, as we reflect the reading for this Sunday we will see and understand that there is something about touch that we human beings long for. In the Garden of Eden, when the snake asked for details of God's prohibitions, Eve responded: "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden; nor shall you touch it, or you shall die" (Gen 3:3).

The prohibition of touch was not in God's original words but was an inventive amplification of Eve's desire. Jesus fully well responds to this deep desire to touch and invites Thomas to touch him intimately and know who He is because Thomas wants to see proof of the resurrection. That is why his reaction is like the rest of us when Jesus invited him to touch the wounds of the crucifixion. However, without Thomas we would not have the chance to belong to the group of believers whom Jesus praises in today's gospel; "Blessed are those who have not seen me and have yet believed". What an exceptional time of Grace!

God bless us all.

Fr. Manny





St. Joseph Community Builders will host Hospitality Sunday for all parishioners after the Sunday Masses this weekend, April 8th.

Blood pressure screenings will also be held after Sunday Masses.



Members of the **Catholic War Veterans of the Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas Post #1916** will be at St. Joseph's at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend, April 8th. After Mass they would be glad to answer questions regarding membership in their organization or for their Mass Program. Any Catholic veteran in good standing is eligible to join, regardless of when or where they served.

CRS Rice Bowl

THANK YOU! We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU!

A huge THANK-YOU for your generous support of **M&M's for Money and Missions**. SHG students attend the JOSHUA mission trip to upper Appalachia the first week of June. You may still contribute by returning any tubes to the parish office or to SHG.



CFE LENTEN PROJECT:

We reached our goal of **\$3000.00!**
That is 50 filtration systems!

Thank you for your generosity!

For more information: Waterwithblessings.org.

Adult Confirmation at Pentecost - Bishop Paprocki invites Catholics who are catechized but not confirmed (i.e., who have received catechetical formation and the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist) to complete the Sacraments of Initiation by celebrating Confirmation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Confirmation of catechized Catholics will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018. The registration form along with an original baptismal certificate should be returned to the Office for Catechesis by May 10, 2018. Please speak with your pastor for further information.



Rest in Peace

Gene Stoutamyer

(brother of Patty)

Patricia Mizeur

(relation of Mizeur & Stremsterfer families)

Lawrence Szymanski

(brother of Chris Malmevik)



New Parishioners:

Mark & Julie Pitchford

Social Concerns

Water is a universal common good, a common good of the entire human family. Its benefits are meant for all and not only for those who live in countries where water is abundant, well managed and well distributed. This natural resource must be equitably at the disposal of the entire human family. — A contribution of the Holy See to the Fourth World Water Forum, 2006

This month our social concern's committee invites reflection on the use and misuse of water in our lives.

Water is one of the fundamental needs of humankind. We use this gift from God for nourishing our bodies, producing our food, staying clean and creating energy. Yet, millions of people around the world face a daily, and sometimes dangerous, struggle to access water.

The Church calls us, as stewards of creation, to protect our neighbors and our environment by helping to assure sources of healthy water for all our brothers and sisters.

Take a moment to reflect on the following questions:

- Do I consciously consider my use of water in my daily activities?
- Am I wasteful?
- Are there ways I can limit my use of water?
- Do I frequently thank God for the blessing of access to clean water?
- Do I ask for God's help in aiding those persons who are not as fortunate?
- Are there ways I can volunteer my time or give my resources to help find a solution?

Social Concerns Committee

Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois - The Acts, Declarations and Statutes of the Fourth Synod of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are now available on the diocesan website at www.dio.org/synod.

The **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** will begin collecting items to share with Mothers and Babies/Toddlers in need of assistance during the three weekends leading up to Mother's Day. Complete information about items requested and agencies we serve will be in next week's bulletin. We ask that any clothing items, for mothers and their little ones, be new or gently used. Oval baskets for these items will be at each of the entrances for your donations during the following three weekends: 4/21-22, 4/28-29, 5/5-6, so that delivery to the agencies can be done prior to Mother's Day. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Envelopes marked Mother-Baby Fund may be placed in the offertory collection basket. (Checks should be made out to St. Joseph's and designated Mother-Baby Fund.) Thank you in advance for your continued generosity. Please call Sister Trudy at 217-303-9590 for any questions. Here are some items that are most needed by the Pregnancy Center right now: Newborn Onesies, Newborn Diapers, Wipes, Newborn Socks, Newborn Sleepers, Receiving Blankets, Breast Pads, Adult Shampoo and Conditioner, Adult Body Wash and Lotion, Toothpaste.

Prayer Initiative- Pray the Rosary Daily - YOU ARE INVITED to join others in praying the rosary daily in your own home on your phone at 3:30 p.m. CST. Call in number: [515-739-1233](tel:515-739-1233). Access Code: 840731# After entering, you will be prompted to say your name. Please note: This is not a toll-free number. If you have a limited call plan, you may be charged by your service provider if you exceed the time limit on your call plan.

2018 Spirituality in Health Care Conference to be held at the Chiara Center April 24 - Health care providers and students of all disciplines and faith traditions are invited to attend the 2018 Spirituality in Health Care Conference: Conflict as Catalyst for Understanding on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. The conference, with presenter Ann M. Garrido, DMin, associate professor of homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, will be held at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL.

Together We...Eat, Drink & Be Giving - On May 5, 2018, Springfield Catholic Charities invites you to join them for the opportunity to change lives. What better way to work together than by having dinner, drinks & delightful entertainment? Entertainment includes a live auction and local celebrity karaoke competition. Evening begins at 6 p.m. at Crowne Plaza. Tickets are \$65 prior to April 1st and \$75 after, so get your tickets now. Can't make the event? Purchase a raffle ticket to win \$10,000 and take a chance to change lives. Raffle tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100. Tickets can be purchased online at cc.dio.org. Questions call Amber at 217-321-8304.

April 14 - April 15: Third Sunday of Easter

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Malmevik - 1W Laura Neale - 2W Sean Bartlett - 3W Penny Cooper - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W John Brennan - 1B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 2B Tim Kennedy - 3B John Malmevik - 4B Sr. Trudy O'Connor - 5B	Barbara Schmidt - 1W Tom Niedzielski - 3W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Lois Jirgal - 1B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Nancy Ray - 5B	Mike Geist - 1W Cynthia Hitchcock - 2W Sharon Schmitt - 3W Bev Burmeister - 4W Deacon Larry Day - 5W Debra Geist - 1B Mary Lynn Mizeur - 2B Fr. Manny Cuizon - 3B Beth Murphy - 4B NOT FILLED - 5B
Lector	Rita Havrilka Laura O'Neill	Patrick O'Donnell Marianne Stremsterfer	Bobbi Ozanic Lynne Wooden
Greeter	Judy Mueller - 1D Barb Sams - 2D Paul R. Mueller - 3D NOT FILLED - 4D	Elizabeth Simpson - 1D Gary Schmidt - 2D Michael Heffern - 3D Vera O'Donnell - 4D	NOT FILLED - 1D NOT FILLED - 2D NOT FILLED - 3D NOT FILLED - 4D
Mass Coordinator	Kathy Cory Karen Siciliano	Pat Noel NOT FILLED	Gloria Humphries Henry Humphries
Altar Server	Luke Hildebrand Chelsea Rhodes Noah Ritter	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Sabo NOT FILLED NOT FILLED



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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Week 40 of fiscal year	4/01/2018	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$ 10,385.57	\$415,422.80
Easter Sunday	\$ 10,022.25	\$318,731.00
5th Week	\$ 617.00	\$ 16,474.00
Automated Giving	\$	\$ 30,772.62
Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ 253.68	\$(49,445.18)

Rice Bowl \$684.00
 Holy Land \$922.01
 Seminarians \$574.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL Campaign Progress Report

Our assessment this year is **\$49,152.00**. This amount must be paid by the parish and any deficit has to come from ordinary parish income.

Assessment FY 2017	\$49,152.00
Total collected (reported by Diocese monthly)	\$13,797.50*
Residual to be paid by parish	\$35,354.50
75 Contributors (16%) pledged	\$14,475.00
*Pledged amount paid (95%)	\$13,797.50

Last year at this time, \$31,359.50 had been pledged by 126 contributors (27%) and 98% (or \$30,779.50) of the pledged amount had been paid.

Thanks to each of you who have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet made a pledge to the appeal, please pray about how you can help our parish family and the larger Church family that is our diocese.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Good News Reflection

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

The redemptive power of Christ

Now that we're a renewed people -- an Easter people -- the scriptures at Mass remind us of the stark difference between living a redeemed life and living in sin. The first reading for next Sunday says: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." The second reading says: "Those who say, 'I know him', but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them."

And the Gospel reading says: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name...."

We are all liars in some way every day, professing our faith with our lips but not always in our behaviors. Our actions often say that we don't truly believe what we say about Christ's love. Our worries might be saying that we don't truly believe that God cares about each and every situation.

Our decisions say that we don't truly believe that Jesus knew what he was talking about when he commanded us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us. Our moral relativism says that we don't truly believe he was smarter than us when he gave us his commandments.

How loudly do your actions preach the truth about Jesus?

Many of us undervalue what Jesus has done for us, thinking that his death and resurrection is enough to get us into heaven; we neglect the need to humble ourselves under the reality of the need for daily redemption.

God's not expecting perfection from us on this side of heaven's gate. What he does want, however, is our desire to become more and more like Christ every day. As long as we're continually examining our lives and educating ourselves about how we can improve, and as long as we follow through by doing what is necessary to produce changes, God is very pleased with us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sinful tendencies still enslave you? What will you do this week to turn these over to Christ and his redemptive power?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What do you do to stay in touch with your need for Christ and his redemptive power? How do you rely on the resurrected life of Christ to overcome sinful tendencies and enter into victorious Christian living?

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Holy Hour of Adoration Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Please return this form in the collection basket. We are honored to pray for your specific needs.

OTHER PARISHES AND EVENTS ELSEWHERE

SHG PRESENTS THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE- SHG is excited to present their 2018 Spring Musical, Thoroughly Modern Millie. Show times are April 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m and April 15 and 22 at 5:00 p.m. The Children's Event will be Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m. in the Commons. For tickets and children's event reservations, call the ticket office at 217-787-1595 ext. 153.

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. will hold its 36th Annual Spring Luncheon on Monday, April 16th at the Northfield Center. The event includes lunch, a silent auction, a bake sale, a raffle and entertainment by "On Occasion," a Quartet from Sound Celebration Chorus. Seats are \$30 and doors open at 10:30 a.m. To reserve a seat you can call the Center at 525-5630.

Conference Opportunity – Our Sacred Earth, Our Common Home: Reflection & Action on *Laudato Si*. Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville. Keynote Speaker: Mary Evelyn Tucker, PhD. Cost \$25 for adults, \$15 for students. Registration: call 618-394-6270. For more information go to: <https://snows.org/events-2/our-sacred-earth-our-common-home/>.

The Staab Family is hosting the **6th Annual Kids Good Grief Camp**, a one-day grief camp for children who have lost a loved one. Designed for kids 6-12, this year's camp will be held Sunday, April 22, 12pm-4pm, at Southwind Park. For more information or to register call 247-4421 or visit KidsGoodGriefCamp.com.

The St. Vincent De Paul Society in St. Louis is hosting its second annual Young Adult Day of Service on Saturday, April 21. The day will consist of the following:

- 12:30 p.m.: Quick orientation at the Cathedral Basilica
- 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.: Work at sites - distributing household goods to the needy OR sorting inventory at an SVDP thrift store (volunteer choice)
- 4:30 p.m.: Reflection at Cathedral Basilica and pick up cars
- 5:30 p.m.: Mass at Old Cathedral
- 7:00 p.m.: Social (optional)

To find out more, please contact Bryan Kirchoff at bryankirchoff@att.net or (314) 640-4366.

Attention Young Adults! The Forge is a Springfield based young adult Catholic ministry that strives to bring young adults into an encounter with Jesus and authentic Christian community. All young adults are welcome. More information: @Theforge on Facebook, <https://the-forge-online.com>. Email contact: Andrew Hansen: andrewhansen1@yahoo.com. This month:

Men's Bible Study: Monday, April 9 at 7:00pm - Engrained Brewery

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, April 10 (TBD - check The Forge Facebook page as it gets closer)

Men's Bible Study: Monday, April 23 at 7:00pm - Engrained Brewery

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, April 24 (TBD - check The Forge Facebook page as it gets closer)

BIG SPRING SOCIAL: Saturday, April 28 at 5:00pm at the Cathedral AND Sunday, April 29 at 6:00pm at the Cathedral (come one day or both days!)

CATHOLIC TRAVEL INFORMATION NIGHT St. Mary's Parish in Belleville will host a free presentation about Catholic travel and pilgrimages on April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the school. Faith-based travel is a perfect combination of inspiration and fellowship, an opportunity to explore the roots of faith and stand in the very places where events from Scripture actually occurred. Featured topics by religious travel specialists will include Marian Shrines such as Lourdes and Fatima, the Vatican and Shrines of Italy, the upcoming renowned Oberammergau Passion Play that has been performed every 10 years since the 1600s, and more. Refreshments will be provided. To RSVP, call 618-394-9763 or email greatescapesct@charter.net.

Butler Funeral Homes Thursday, April 26, 2018 St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Game, Starting time 12:15 pm.

Please join us as we kick off baseball season with a fun-filled trip to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the NY Mets at Busch Stadium. We will be leaving at 8:30 am from the Butler Funeral Home campus and return by 5:30 pm (approx.). Cost is \$45 per person, which includes transportation, game ticket and bag of snacks. Please call **Butler Funeral Home 544-4646** to reserve your seat by Friday, April 20, 2018. ** Please note that payment is required to reserve seat.

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